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09/977,865	10/15/2001	Kevin J. Donahue	56495-2 (71699)

CONFIRMATION NO. 3724

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1660.
 

■ \$1044 for 58 total claims over 20.	02/25/2002 RHARIS1 00000101 09977865
■ \$336 for 4 independent claims over 3.	01 FC:201 370.00 CH
■ \$280 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.	02 FC:205 65.00 CH
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 2530.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Practitioner's Docket No. 56495-2 (71699)

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor application of: J. Kevin Donahue et al.

Serial No.: 09/977,865

Group No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: October 15, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR NUCLEIC ACID DELIVERY

Box Missing Part  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS  
— NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

(check and complete this item, if applicable)

- I. ☒ This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed  
November 29, 2001.

NOTE: If these papers are filed before the office letter issues, adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.

☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application—Filing Date  
Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

NOTE: The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

MAILING

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with sufficient postage as first class mail in an  
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☐ transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and  
Trademark Office.

Signature

Date 1/29/02

Peter F. Corless  
(type or print name of person certifying)

3. Surcharge fees

☒ late payment of filing fee

and/or

☒ late filing of original declaration or oath  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)--\$130.00; small entity--\$65.00)

\$ 65.00

*NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers, the surcharge fee is required.*

*NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, only one surcharge fee for both need be paid. 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e).*

4. ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than  
all the inventors or a person not the inventor  
(37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) and 1.47--\$130.00)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with  
a specification in a non-English language  
(37 C.F.R. 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)--\$130.00)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application  
(37 C.F.R. 1.21(l) and 1.53(d)--\$130.00)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. ☒ Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".)

\$ 40.00

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f) and this, as well as, the changes to 37 C.F.R. 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of § 1.21(l) within 1 year of notification under § 1.53(f) must be paid.*

Total completion fees

\$ 475.00

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

**VII.**

*(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)*

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) apply.

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

### **TOTAL FEE DUE**

### **VIII.**

The total fee due is

Completion fee(s) \$ 475.00  
Extension fee (if any) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fee Due \$ 475.00

### **PAYMENT OF FEES**

### **IX.**

☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ Charge Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$ 475.00.  
A duplicate of this request is attached.

**NOTE:** Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. 1.22(b).

Please change Account No. 04-1105 for any fees which may be due by this paper.

### AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

**X.**

**WARNING:** *Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.*

**NOTE:** *"Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 CFR 1.26(a).*

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 04-1105.

☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

**NOTE:** *Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.*

☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

☒ 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(5)(extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a).

☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (application processing fees)

**NOTE:** *"A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3).*

☐ 37 C.F.R. 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b))

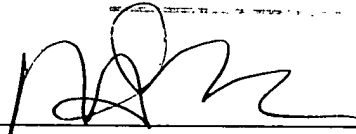
**NOTE:** *Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).*

**NOTE:** *37 C.F.R. 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee . . ." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.*

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